

Abstract

**Flat plate antenna with a rotating field, comprising a central loop and
5 eccentric loops, and system for identification by radiofrequency**

The antenna comprises a central loop (1) and four adjacent coplanar eccentric
loops (2). The central loop (1) creates a magnetic field that is essentially
perpendicular to the antenna. The centres of gravity of the four eccentric loops
10 (2) are essentially located on the periphery of the central loop (1) and the
eccentric loops (2) are supplied in such a way as to predominantly create a
rotating field in a plane parallel to the plane of the antenna. The eccentric loops
(2) can be associated in pairs of non-adjacent loops in such a way as to
generate electromagnetic fields of opposite phases in the respective pair. In this
15 way, the two loops of a pair can be connected such that the same current flows
through them in opposite trigonometric directions. A radiofrequency generator
(7) can supply first (S1) and second (S2) excitation signals alternately on two
outputs (8, 9), respectively to the central loop (1) and to the eccentric loops (2).

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